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PREFACE

The Medical Facilities Report serves as an historical account of medical facility development in South Dakota. It is also a status report of South Dakota medical facility services and utilization.

The information used to develop the community hospitals and the non-community hospitals portion of the Medical Facilities Report was obtained by the South Dakota Department of Health, Division of Administration, Office of Data, Statistics and Vital Records, from the American Hospital Association Annual Survey with an addendum to obtain patient origin data.

The information used to develop the long-term care portion of the Medical Facilities Report was obtained through a cooperative effort by the Office of Data, Statistics and Vital Records and the Office of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification. To decrease the amount of reporting requested from long-term care facilities, a survey was attached to the licensure application for long-term care facilities.

In 2000, the American Hospital Association Annual Survey was introduced online. This enabled the hospitals to enter data in a secure environment while making it easier and more efficient to respond. The online survey also provides historical reference data as well as instant data verification as information is entered. Hospitals that did not have internet access were still able to submit their survey on paper.

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